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Gametime

From the east endzone of the new home of the Arizona Cardinals, the full spectacle of 63,000 screaming fans could be seen in the opening moments of the team's Sept. 10 game against the San Francisco 49ers. In the bottom left of the picture, two DPS officers can be seen guarding the field. Below: Lt. Bob Ticer (left) and Officer Tim Mason talk before the doors officially open to the public.



Department continues long partnership with Arizona Cardinals

by Kellen Chavez, State Service Intern

The roar was deafening as off-season-acquired running back, Edgerrin James, anchored the player introductions for the Arizona Cardinals opening season game on Sept. 10 against the San Francisco 49ers.

Sixty-three thousand fans dressed in red and white packed the brand-new, modern marvel that will serve as home to the Cardinals for many years to come.

But besides the familiar faces of the team's players, the seasons to come in the new stadium will feature several more familiar, but behind-the-scenes faces—those of officers with the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

The Department's primary focus will be to provide the crucial safety and security element that will only add to the air-conditioned comfort of the \$450 million facility.

DPS is no stranger to the professional football environment as it has partnered with the Cardinals to provide security at their home games for the past 17 years.

When the Cardinals moved their home from Tempe to Glendale for this upcoming season, however, the organization once more asked for the Department's services.

Lt. Bob Ticer, who will command DPS' forces at each game, said, "Due to the fine work that our agency has done in the past, the Arizona Cardinals have invited us to come here and work in this new stadium."

Forty-four DPS officers will be on hand at home games, ready to resolve any conflict that a sold-out crowd of 63,000 football-crazed fans might present.

Ticer said, "We are responsible for the security of the locker rooms for both the visiting teams and the Arizona Cardinals and the officials of the NFL. We are also responsible for all security activities on the field of play and portions of the stands."

Officers from DPS will even be assigned in pairs to patrol the concourse as well as a VIP area called "The Red Zone."

The agency's security reach even extends beyond the stadium as four motor officers from DPS will escort the visiting team's bus from the airport and hotels to ensure the safe arrival of the Cardinals' opponent on a given week. Additionally, two traffic positions related to State Route 101 traffic will be staffed by uniformed officers.

Entering the regular season opener, though, the Department already had its hand in a pair of preseason games to get a feel for the challenges that may lie ahead.

Compared to the environment in Tempe, Ticer said the scuffles in the new stadium are fairly tame.

"We actually had less police calls than we had at ASU and we think that's because the temperature is cooler in here."

"We had less calls for service in here during the preseason and we actually had about twice as many fans as we did at the games in

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From Director
Roger L. Vanderpool's
Vantage Point



This year's State Employee Charitable Campaign is in full swing at DPS and our agency coordinators have distributed pledge cards and campaign brochures to every employee at the Department. This year a pre-addressed return envelope has been distributed along with these items in case you have concerns about privacy.

With the SECC in full swing, think about the campaign-eligible charities that touch our lives everyday, helping family and friends through difficult times. In addition, think about those charities that are part of the SECC that help our very own DPS family in times of need. The agency coordinators for DPS highlighted and suggested a few charities in a flyer attached to your pledge card, but don't limit yourself to those.

We hope to get everyone to donate to the charity that touches their lives everyday. Even if you can only give one dollar, that still has an impact . . . Can you imagine if all DPS employees picked a charity and donated one dollar per pay period. There is power in numbers and our agency is large enough to make a substantial contribution to the SECC if every employee participates.

Please take the time to look over the SECC booklet that lists all of the campaign eligible charities and find the charity that "touches your heart and your life."

All employees at DPS who contribute over \$25 in this year's campaign will receive a free ticket to this year's State Fair. A total donation to the 100 Club of \$150 dollars or more through this year's campaign earns you a membership into the 100 Club.

Thank you for all your support of this year's SECC Campaign. If you have misplaced your SECC booklet or official pledge form, please contact one of the SECC division coordinators at DPS listed below to obtain another one as soon as possible. DPS hopes to wrap up the campaign by Oct. 31.

The division SECC coordinators at DPS are:

Nancy Buck - Agency Support Division

Suzanne Regalado - Criminal Justice Support Division

Dan Mitchell - Criminal Investigation Division

Jack Lane and Vickie Williams - Highway Patrol Division

———— ***For the record*** ————
When "junk" food is good food

by Officer Jason Yeager, DPS' Use of Force Coordinator

So often we hear about all the things we should or shouldn't eat. Many times we hear these things and are not given any real explanation as to why. This month I would like to talk about some foods that may have been misrepresented to you in the past.

According to Dr. Jeff Volek and the April issue of Men's Health Magazine, there are several common snacks that you may be eating or avoiding for the wrong reasons. Take a look at a list of the following foods and pick out which ones you believe to be beneficial to your health.

Pork Rinds, Alcohol, Beef Jerky, Sour Cream, Chocolate Bars, Rice Cakes, Granola Bars, Wheat Crackers.

In combination with Dr. Volek's article and some simple research, take a look at what I found:

Pork Rinds - A one ounce serving contains 17 grams of protein and 9 grams of fat but no carbohydrates. Compare that to a serving of seemingly healthy pretzels; 4 grams of protein, 2 grams of fat, 35 grams of carbs and 771 mg of salt.

Alcohol - Most people think high carbohydrates and "Beer Belies". However, Harvard studies actually show those who consume an average of two drinks everyday 5-7 times per week had a lower risk of heart attack. Also those who consumed in the same manner had a lower percentage of belly fat than those who only drank once or twice during a two week period but consumed more than four drinks at one sitting.

Beef Jerky - Believed to be loaded with preservatives and unhealthy, beef jerky actually is very high in protein and won't raise your insulin levels helping to avoid signaling your body to store fat. Jerky also makes a great snack. Still check labels though and stay away from those with ingredients like MSG and sodium nitrate.

Sour Cream - Ninety percent of its calories are fat which would normally label it as bad. Even though the percentage of fat is high, if you compare two table spoons of sour cream (only 52 calories) to one table spoon of mayonnaise is almost double. Even comparing to a glass of milk which has almost 5g of fat and 120 calories.

Chocolate Bars - Cocoa is high in flavonoids. Flavonoids, which relax your blood vessels and improve blood flow to your heart are also found in red wine and green tea. Dark chocolate is best and Cocoa Via bars provide 100mg of flavonoids with only 100 calories.

Questionable foods in disguise?

Rice Cakes, Granola Bars and Wheat Crackers all have been considered healthy by media standards. Rice cakes and wheat crackers both contain ingredients that raise your blood-sugar and insulin levels quickly that result in your body storing fat instead of burning it. Most granola bars contain some form of corn syrup which is a substance that is known for causing your body to turn carbs into fat.

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Cardinals...

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Tempe," Ticer said.

When DPS worked the games at Tempe's Sun Devil Stadium, there was a joint command post with the Arizona State University Police Department. The same system is in place at the new stadium except DPS will be partnered with the Glendale Police Department as opposed to ASUPD.

Ticer said, "Myself and a lieutenant from the Glendale police department will run operations inside the stadium from a specially constructed command booth."

Ticer, along with the lieutenant from Glendale PD, will spend the majority of the game in the stadium's "crow's nest," a tiny room that sits above even the stadium's highest seats. From this booth Ticer will be aided in monitoring the stadium's activity through 64 cameras as well as by the officers positioned throughout the stadium.

Ticer said the biggest challenge officers face will be learning the layout of the new venue, but they are learning quickly.

"We have some very key sergeants and officers working this event in the same positions for each game so they have an excel-



A view from the concourse

During games, officers from DPS are assigned to various posts throughout the new football stadium in Glendale. In the left photo, a DPS officer can be seen from the stadium's concourse. In the right photo, fans talk to a few of DPS' recruiting officers.

lent control and a good handle on what's going on," Ticer said.

The Cardinals have also given the Department a great opportunity to spread their wings to the fans attending home games.

At the gate three entrance to the stadium, the Department will have a recruiting booth open at each home game.

"People can see some of our sharpest recruiters and we hope to gather a lot of new recruits through this venue," Ticer said.

One officer working the recruiting booth

estimated that 40 percent of the fans that stopped by were serious about picking up a DPS employment information packet.

The season is young, but the Department looks forward to honoring the long-time commitment of excellence and service to the Arizona Cardinals and the citizens of Arizona.

Ticer said, "It's about 75 degrees in this stadium as opposed to 110 degrees out in Tempe. Our troops are very happy to be out here in this environment."

Several DPS employees promoted during September ceremony

Tim Lane became the Department's newest commander during promotional ceremonies Sept. 5 in the Conference Room of the Director's Office in Phoenix.

Also receiving promotions from Director Roger Vanderpool during the afternoon ceremony were Monalisa Gutierrez, Alejandro Lopez, Loretta Moore, and Susan Vernon.

Gutierrez was promoted to Administrative Secretary, Lopez was promoted to Senior Police Communications Dispatcher, Moore was promoted to Administrative Assistant, and Vernon was promoted to Senior Police Communications Dispatcher.

Lane

With his promotion to commander, Lane will be assigned as the State Capitol Police Chief.

Lane began his career with DPS in 1980 as a Highway Patrol Officer assigned to Yuma. In 1984, Lane transferred to Criminal Investigations in Phoenix where he served in the Undercover Narcotics Squad, Air Interdiction Unit and the DEA State and Federal Narcotics Task Force.

In 1986, Lane transferred to Motors and worked in the Phoenix Metropolitan area until transferring to the Governor's Protection Unit in 1988.

In Sept. of 1989, Lane was promoted to

sergeant and assigned to the Winslow area.

In 1990, he transferred back to Phoenix as a Motor Sergeant.

Lane was promoted to lieutenant in July 1994 and assigned to Tucson as the Southern Arizona GITEM District Commander. After leaving GITEM, Lane served with the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit, Criminal Investigations Statewide Intelligence District, Special Investigations Unit and the Highway Patrol Command Staff in Phoenix.

Prior to his recent promotion, Lane was serving as the commander of the Department's Motor program.

Lane has a Bachelor's degree from Grand Canyon University and is a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command.

Gutierrez

With her promotion to administrative secretary, Gutierrez will be assigned to the Department's Crime Laboratory in Phoenix.

Gutierrez began her career with DPS earlier this year as a Criminal Records Specialist for the Applicant Clearance Card Team.

While in this position, she processed pre-employment state and federal level background checks. She also processed warrant checks for various agencies such as public and charter schools, police and fire departments, city and state agencies in ad-

dition to state level background checks for private agencies and consumers.

Lopez

With his promotion to senior police communications dispatcher, Lopez will remain assigned to the Department's Operational Communications Center in Tucson.

Lopez began his career with DPS in 2000 as a police communications dispatcher in Tucson. During his tenure in that assignment, he attended critical training related to the role dispatchers could play during weapons of mass destruction incidents.

Lopez is a member of the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) and the Association of Public Safety Communication Officials International Inc.

Moore

With her promotion to administrative assistant, Moore will be assigned to the Applicant Clearance Card Team.

Moore began her career with DPS in February of this year as a Criminal Records Specialist for the Sex Offender Unit. As a Criminal Records Specialist, she was responsible for accurately updating and entering initial registrations on sex offenders.

She also had to respond to requests from various detectives who wanted copies of registrations of various absconders.

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Major Bill Reutter retires from agency after 37 years of service

by Kellen Chavez, State Service Intern

Bill Reutter had an important decision to make in the summer of 1969. Should he take a position with the Phoenix Police Department, or should he accept a position with the newly created Arizona Department of Public Safety? Thanks in part to a former high school coach who was now a prosecutor for the City of Phoenix recommending that he accept the position with DPS, Bill began his career in August of 1969. Recently Bill's career came to a close on July 31, 2006 after 37 years with the Department.

Bill was born in New York, but due to his father's health, moved to Arizona at the age of one. The family settled in Sunnyslope where Bill attended grade school, and in 1963, he graduated from Sunnyslope High School. He attended Phoenix College on a basketball scholarship and graduated with a Junior College Degree. He later attended Grand Canyon University and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree.

Bill and his wife, Cheryl, have been married since 1966 and have three children – Stephen, a Sergeant with DPS, Scott a Detective with DPS, and Heather, a teacher in the Washington School District. They have 14 grandchildren.

Bill's first duty assignment was Wickenburg, Arizona. At that time Interstate 10 had not been built, so US 60 through Wickenburg was the main route to Los Angeles. During this time, Bill spent two months on a special detail in Narcotics.

In 1973 Bill returned to Phoenix, assigned as an undercover narcotics agent with Criminal Investigations. After three years of working undercover, Bill transferred to the Training Division where he traveled the state, instructing the Standardized Certification Course for Peace Officers from agencies around Arizona. This also included certifying law enforcement officers with the Navajo and Hopi Police Departments.

Bill was promoted to Sergeant in 1977 and assigned to supervising the driver's training course that DPS had implemented. He oversaw one of the more unique units at DPS – a driving track near the White Tank Mountains, known affectionately as "Froggy Bottom", where squads trained in extreme driving techniques that could potentially be needed in pursuit driving.

The track also had an oil covered skidpan area that simulated driving situations in ice and snow. "It was always a long, dirty day, but it was always fun and a good assignment. We'd be out to the track by four in the morning to begin classes at 6



Bill Reutter

a.m. By the time class was finished, tires replaced and vehicles fixed, we would call it a day about 6 p.m."

Bill then transferred to Cadet Training at a time when DPS had its own Academy and spent two years there training new officers. Bill was then promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to Globe where he spent one year as District Commander.

He returned to Phoenix as Commander of the Narcotics Unit and was promoted to Captain. In 1983 Bill attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, where he was elected Section Representative for the 133rd Session. As a Captain, he oversaw Narcotics, Organized Crime and Inspections, in addition to serving as the executive officer for the Director.

In 1984 Bill was assigned as Commander for the infamous Morenci copper mine strikes. "It was quite an experience – the mines went on strike and the protestors tried to shut down the roads and wouldn't let people through the town of Clifton. DPS Command personnel tried to negotiate with the Union leadership to stop the attacks on vehicles using the highway, but all attempts were unsuccessful.

Finally, the Union held an all out protest where other Unions from around the state were called in to assist them in shutting down the town of Clifton. Approximately 5,000 strikers attempted to shut the highway through town when we decided we had had enough. After that one day of battle, everything seemed to end and we couldn't have been prouder of the 125 DPS officers who helped put an end to this situation."

In 1989 Bill was promoted to Major and served as Chief of Staff for the Highway Patrol. During Project SLIM, he was appointed

acting Bureau Chief for the Criminal Justice Support Division and remained there until the Department was forced to eliminate 200 positions as part of Project SLIM.

Bill returned to the Highway Patrol as Chief of Staff and in 1996 was assigned as Commander of the Arizona Law Enforcement Academy. In 1999 he returned to DPS as Chief of the then Metro Division. He was then promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in charge of the Operations Division where he served until the Department was reorganized and the Highway Patrol Division was re-established. Bill served as Assistant Director in charge of Highway Patrol for about six years. With the advent of a new administration, Bill was reassigned to the Administration Division where he finished his career.

Also, during his 37 years with the Department, Bill was elected to serve on the Retirement Board where he served 16 years. He also worked with the NFL to supply security for Super Bowl XXX at Arizona State University and for many years oversaw DPS Officers who worked special events at the University. Bill also served as DPS liaison at the Arizona State Fair.

Bill had no shortage of awards during the course of his career; however, he said, "Awards are things that are always nice, but I just really never got into them a lot. They are more for the people who are in the units than one individual." Bill did receive a Meritorious Service Award for his work during the Morenci conflict.

Aside from Unit Citations, Letters of
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Many more retirement stories to appear soon

Because so many long-time employees of DPS have retired in the past few months, *The Digest* has fallen a bit behind in its effort to feature a story on every retiring employee who has served more than 30 years with the agency.

Among those who have recently retired from DPS with more than 30 years of service and have yet to be featured in *The Digest* are: Commander David Witter, Commander Beau Johnson, Sergeant Kelly Kasun, Detective Ruben Valente, Officer Larry Landers, Officer Randan Holmes, Officer Delbert Stock, Officer Ronald Lewis, Fingerprint Technician Joyce Wharton, and Operations Assistant Charlie Cleveland.

We are looking forward to featuring retirement stories on these individuals as soon as we can. Thank you for your patience.

Major Norm Beasley retires after 37 years of service with agency

by Kellen Chavez, State Service Intern

Inside the nondescript, forest-green walls of the Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center (ACTIC) there exists the pinnacle of the counter terrorism intelligence.

Without DPS Maj. Norman Beasley, however, the standard that ACTIC sets would not exist nor would the DPS have been the beneficiary of a career that came to a close this past July after 37 years of dedicated service.

Beasley began his career in law enforcement in 1964 by serving the state of Michigan with the Oak Park and Livonia Police Departments.

In 1969, however, Beasley made his move to the Valley of the Sun.

He said, "I was looking for a change and Arizona was hiring and 37 years later here I am."

The Phoenix-area Beasley moved to back then was far from what it is today.

"Back in those days, Phoenix was not the 5th largest city in America like it is today. It was pretty western, pretty laid back. It was a culture change for me, being a big city boy my whole life," he said.

Over the course of the following 37 years, Beasley said he spent the majority of his time with field operations mostly with highway patrol or criminal investigations.

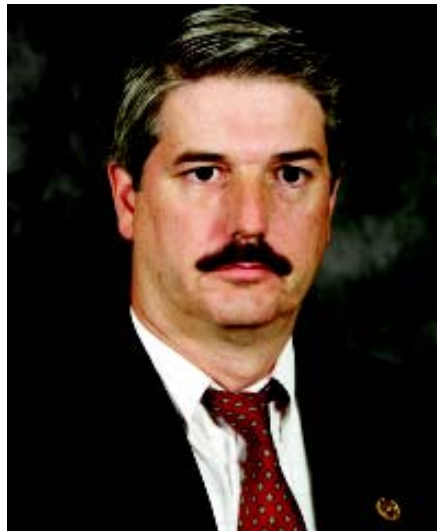
Beasley's career was also trademarked by being one of the nation's foremost experts in domestic terrorism. In over 30 years of counterterrorism work he oversaw operations that included the most significant state events as well as those on the national stage.

These assignments included: venue commander for Papal visit, tactical commander for Morenci strike operations, event commander and chairman of the Intelligence and Explosive Subcommittees for Super Bowl XXX. Beasley was also heavily involved with the planning, training, and security operations for the 1996 and 2002 Olympics in Atlanta and Salt Lake City.

In addition he also commanded the Department's field, tactical and intelligence operations at the 2001 World Series and the 2004 Presidential Debate at Arizona State University. He also advised Phoenix PD during the immigration march this past April that drew over 100,000 participants.

With such substantial experience to his name, Beasley is not surprised that his career took such a focused direction.

He said, "I started out as a young cop during the 60s and 70s and there was a lot of domestic terrorist activity. I just sort of evolved my particular assignments with DPS



Norm Beasley

into that area of expertise."

That evolution eventually led to the development and creation of the aforementioned Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center, better known as ACTIC.

While ACTIC, which was built in Oct. 2004, staffs over 200 local, state and federal officers, the idea for the center was born on the simplest of scales.

"I tell this story, but it's absolutely true," Beasley said. "Ray and I designed this concept [for ACTIC] on a napkin over breakfast one morning. You can see the results of it."

ACTIC has developed into the standard by which intelligence centers around the nation are measured.

Beasley said it has been named one of the two best practices in homeland security by the National Governor's Association and one of five best practices by the Council of State Governments.

Beasley said, "ACTIC is probably one of, if not, the crowning achievement of my career."

But looking back on his career as a whole, Beasley cannot place his finger on anything in particular that he regrets or that he would change.

He said, "When I first went on the city police department I had a goal, being a young street cop at crime scenes, someday I wanted to be a detective sergeant in robbery homicide. That was sort of my goal, and I think I've attained that goal and then some."

"I'm very proud of my association with the Arizona Department of Public Safety and more importantly with the tremendous amount of professional employees, both sworn and civilian, that I've had the honor of working with over that past 37 years."

Beasley has been the recipient of the Department's Distinguished and Meritorious Service Medals for command leadership during crisis incidents as well as the recipient of eight Director's Unit Citations.

As for retirement, Beasley plans to devote his time to two things.

He will continue to consult on various assignments, but will do so within the United States. Secondly he plans to devote a great deal time to his family and wife, Beverly, of 40 years.

"I really just want to devote time to being a grandpa," he said.

Reutter ...

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Commendation and Service Club awards, one award does stand out in Bill's mind. In 2005 he was given the J Stannard Baker Award for Highway Safety. This award is given for lifetime achievement in the area of Highway Safety by the IACP and Northwestern University and is the highest award given by the State and Provincial Division of IACP at its annual convention.

Apart from his duties and accomplishments with DPS, Bill recalls a time a when DPS was a force on a different field – the athletic field. In 1973 Bill participated on a DPS basketball team that finished third in the nation in the Police Olympics. That same year, he also participated on the DPS Volleyball team that won the national championship. In the early 80's he participated in the annual "Pig Bowl" – against teams from Phoenix, Tucson, Pima County and L.A.

Doubling as a linebacker on defense and a full back on offense, Bill helped lead the DPS football team to dominance within the state, but never quite tasting victory against Los Angeles. "Every time it was close, but they just had so many players. The first half or so we'd be right with them, then about the 4th quarter, we'd run out of gas."

Bill, in looking back on his career said, "I've had a lot of ups and down in my career, but that's just part of life. Those are just the kinds of things you have to deal with. If I could change anything during my time at DPS, it would be to find a way to prevent the deaths of Officers that occurred during my time there. You always question whether there was something you could have done differently to prevent these tragedies."

As for retirement, Bill said "I've been married over forty years, I have a great wife and great kids and grandkids. It's time to get out and enjoy the things we've always wanted to do while there's time to do it."

Our records on Meritorious Service Award recipients need updating

Several months ago, it was noted that *The Digest* has been unable to complete accurate, up-to-date lists of DPS employees, civilian and sworn, who have received well-earned recognition at DPS through the presentation of agency awards.

In an attempt to update its records, starting several months ago and continuing for the next few months, *The Digest* will continue publishing a list of recipients who have been recognized through major DPS awards.

In its March/April issue, *The Digest* published its list of those who have received the agency's Sgt. Mark M. Dryer Reserve Officer of the Year Award. It would be beneficial and much appreciated if the readers of this publication would continue reviewing the lists that are published every few months and if they have any corrections, deletions or additions, please inform *The Digest*.

Below is the list, which is likely incomplete, of those who have been presented with DPS' Meritorious Service Award.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

1969

Officer/Pilot James M. Knapp

Officer Martin C. Dangel

Officer/Pilot Thomas C. Armstrong

Security Officer Richard Boland

1976

Officer/Paramedic Steven Lump

1977

Officer/Paramedic Steven Lump

1970 through 1981

1982

Officer Gilbert Duthie

Officer Anthony Dees

1983

1984

Officer Rolland G. DeLong

Officer Anthony Slusher

Officer Leo B. Smith

1985

Officer Kenneth Schwab

Officer Marty Dangel

1986

1987

Officer Ronald B. Bruce

Officer Ron Hill

Officer Dennis Linsday

1988

Ruth M. Anderson

Officer Kent R. Boyack

Paramedic John L. Fink, Jr.

Officer Tracy A. Purtee

Pilot Peter L. Sadler

Lt. Lester A. "Al" Sterkenburg

1989

1990

Officer Thomas A. Elias

Kenneth F. Kowalski

Col. Ralph T. Milstead

1991

Officer George M. McGuire

Officer Larry W. Wheeler

1992

Officer Larry W. Davis

Officer J. Terry Johnson

1993

Officer Barry Allen

Officer Daniel S. Kelly

1994

Sgt. Ronald G. DeLong

Capt. Micheal G. Denney

Lt. David P. Gonzales

Charles A. Herrera

Hathleen H. Kroupa

Officer Jon R. Olney

Lt. Jeffery W. Resler

1995

Sgt. Mark Morlock

Sgt. Daniel Lugo

Officer William Shantz

1996

Lt. Mikel Longman

Officer Joseph A. Lopez

1997

1998

Officer Stanley L. Barzar

Officer Roy McCabe

1999

2000

2001

Officer James M. Benitez

Officer Davis V. Coughanour

Sgt. Thomas A. Elias

Officer Tod B. Kleinman

2002

Detective Brian K. Turner

2004

Officer Laura M. Latham

Officer Carolee D. Martin

Officer Stephen L. Martin

Lt. Jeffery A. Stanhope

Officer Steven A. Svestka

2005

C.A. "Carl" Tornambe

Arthur C. Coughanour

Spouse of fallen DPS sergeant walks for survivors in DC

On October 14th and 15th, the surviving spouse of fallen DPS Sgt. John Blaser, Ms. Jan Blaser-Upchurch, participated in the 2nd annual Cops Walk event outside of Washington, DC.

The event, which required participants to walk 25 miles along the Potomac River, was held to support Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) programs for law enforcement survivors.

Ms. Jan Blaser-Upchurch walked in honor of her late husband, DPS Sgt. John M. Blaser, who was killed in the line of duty along with DPS Officer David Gabrielli by a drunk driver on August 31, 1990.

The walk was designed to provide participants with a physical challenge as well as the opportunity to spend time with other survivors, supporters and friends.

In addition, the walk provides COPS with the funds needed to continue their mission of "Rebuilding Shattered Lives".

Ms. Jan Blaser-Upchurch, like other event participants, raised a substantial amount of money for COPS by receiving pledges for every mile she would walk in the event.

Ms. Jan Blaser-Upchurch has been actively involved in DUI and crime victim rights issues for many years.

For the past 6 years, she has been working with COPS and helping to provide support services during the national memorial police week events in Washington DC.

In May, 2006, she was elected to the National Board of COPS, as the Mountain Region Trustee, so she is continuing her work supporting and assisting law enforcement survivors.

For more information regarding COPS and the fine programs and services they provide, please visit www.nationalcops.org

Good work DPS employees!



The numbers are finally in. You helped DPS raise a record \$64,212 for Special Olympics this year through the Torch Run and other events. This makes DPS the state's top fund-raiser for Special Olympics again.

Promotions ...

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Moore has an Associates of Applied Science degree in Legal Assisting.

Vernon

With her promotion to Senior Police Communications Dispatcher, Vernon will remain at the Department's Operational Communications Center in Tucson.

Vernon began her career with DPS on Nov. 14, 1992 as a police communications dispatcher trainee for Tucson.

She completed her training in June of 1993 which was one of the fastest training periods in Tucson Opcomm. In June of 2001, she transferred to Phoenix. She left the Department in Oct. of 2001, but returned in September of 2002 as a Police Communications Dispatcher in Tucson where she remained up until her recent promotion.

Additional promotions

Six other DPS employees received promotions during the month but were unable to attend the Sept. 5 promotional ceremony.

These employees were Norrane Lenox who was promoted to Office Coordinator, Karri DeSanti who was promoted to Administrative Assistant, Maxine Liming who was promoted to Police Communications Supervisor, Rosa Romo who was promoted to ACJIS Compliance Specialist, Yvonne Speer who was promoted to Computer Network Operator, and Maria Wright who was promoted to Evidence Custodian.



Sept. 5 promotions

Director Vanderpool, along with either Chief Lane or Chief Ramming, promoted (clockwise from top left) Tim Lane, Loretta Moore, Alejandro Lopez, Susan Vernon, and Monalisa Gutierrez at the Sept. 5 ceremony in Phoenix.



Officer uses internet in patrol car to enable drug bust in Nebraska

A field officer with DPS, who was monitoring traffic along Interstate 40 in north-eastern Arizona, recently used his laptop computer and an accompanying "air card" to help state troopers in Nebraska locate and seize a vehicle carrying 2,100 pounds of marijuana.



Albert Vandeaver

"It was a pretty amazing feeling to use some of the new technology we have in our patrol vehicles here at DPS to help troopers more than 1,000 miles away find such a big load of drugs," said Officer Albert

Vandeaver. "It really goes to show how taking a little bit of extra time to utilize all of the databases and technology available to law enforcement can pay off."

The incident began to unfold the morning of June 16 when Vandeaver, who is assigned to DPS' Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau (CVEB), was told by authorities with another agency to be on the lookout for a green semi-truck traveling eastbound across Interstate 40.

The vehicle, Vandeaver was told, was "loaded with drugs" and making its way through Arizona on a journey to the east coast.

In addition to the vehicle's color, the only other identifier authorities possessed to help them locate the vehicle was its license plate number.

Even if he couldn't put his own two eyes on this illusive vehicle, Vandeaver became determined to do everything he could to have the vehicle located and stopped.

Working with a sense of urgency, Vandeaver used the laptop computer in his

patrol vehicle to access a federal web-based database that includes an extensive amount of information about commercial vehicle companies, drivers, and trucks.

There is a small "air card" device accompanying Vandeaver's computer that allows him, and other CVEB officers at DPS, to access the Internet from remote locations in the field.

Once he accessed this secure database, he began to conduct an extensive investigation that yielded detailed information about the suspect vehicle's driver, company name, and previous commercial vehicle inspections.

He was able to access this information via the database only because he happened to have the suspect vehicle's license plate number.

Vandeaver's investigation quickly led him to issue his very own, much more descriptive "attempt to locate" alert through another secure, nationwide police web-based database.

For those familiar with the database,

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Sgt. Chuck Wright retires from Department after 34 years of service

by Kellen Chavez, State Service Intern

Power lifting has always been one of Chuck Wright's passions.

He has competed and won in the Police Olympics and other law enforcement sanctioned competitions throughout his career, especially in the 1980s.

On a morning nearly 30 years ago, while in the gym working out, Wright was presented with a startling bit of information that countless hours in the gym could not have prepared him for.

"You're lucky to be alive, sir," said the voice on the other end of the telephone.

Confused and curious, Wright inquired as to what the California detective on the phone meant.

While patrolling Interstate 8 weeks earlier, then Officer Wright, had approached a car parked with its lights on at a rest stop just east of Yuma.

Three passengers were in the car. One was a hitchhiker but the other two, with the last names of Stillman and Getzler, later confessed to murdering 18 people throughout the United States. They were eventually convicted.

Wright said, "They later confessed to a detective that they had run into a highway patrol officer one morning near Yuma and that they had been prepared to kill him. That highway patrol officer was me."

Wright added, "That was one of those things that you find out later and you don't know how many times you've been in that threatening position. Thank God you don't know."

Sgt. Wright, however, is more than alive and kicking and in June he celebrated the end of his colorful, 34-year career with DPS.

Charles "Chuck" Wright was born into a military family and spent the majority of his young life moving from state to state.

"I've lived in Hawaii. I've lived in Alaska. I've lived in numerous states but my family ended up in Yuma, Arizona after my dad retired in 1962 so that's what I call my home town," Wright said.

After retiring from the Navy, Wright's father started a lengthy career in law enforcement.

Wright said, "After I got out of the Navy, which I joined out of high school, I knew I wanted to be a law enforcement officer and have a steady career. It was the Vietnam era and I felt like it was what everybody was doing at the time."

Wright began his career with the Arizona Department of Public Safety on Mar. 1, 1972 and after graduating from the academy, was assigned to patrol highways in



Chuck Wright

the Winslow area.

After the short stint in Winslow, Wright spent the next 11 years working in the Highway Patrol Division in Yuma, Youngtown and Phoenix.

In 1982, Wright was assigned to the Governor's Security detail and in 1983 he was promoted to sergeant.

Wright spent 13 years in Governor's Security and, as a result, served the families and security needs of four different governors.

In 1998, Wright was assigned as Administrative Sergeant for the Vehicle Theft Task Force and in 2004 he was given his final assignment as Coordinator for the Field Training Unit.

Looking back on his career, Wright said, "I've been lucky to have gotten every job that I've ever applied for."

He added that the only possible disappointment he has had in his career is that he never worked in the motors division.

"I think I would have really enjoyed riding a motorcycle for the Department," Wright said.

Doing so, at the time, would have forced him to give up one of his favorite assignments at the Department which was SWAT.

"I loved the excitement of SWAT," Wright said. "It was great to be part of a really close knit group of guys. I loved the camaraderie and all the things that came with being a part of a special unit as well as dealing with the unknown."

Wright was a member of the first SWAT team ever assembled at DPS and remembers being called out to handle situations like the Greenwald/Tyson manhunt in 1978.

Over his career, Wright has earned numerous awards.

He has received five Director's Unit Citations, a Director's Commendation and re-

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Fundraiser puts Chief Jack Lane in "jail"

DPS Chief Jack Lane of the Department's Highway Patrol Division was recently "hailed off to jail" for a very worthwhile cause.

By allowing himself to be picked up at work and "hailed off to jail" on Aug. 17, Lane raised roughly \$2,000 to assist in the fight against muscular dystrophy.

The fun, unique event Lane participated in was a telethon-style event sponsored by KTVK and 3TV designed to have executives throughout the Valley of the Sun "locked up" so that friends and co-workers of those executives would call in to help "bail" them out of jail.

Of course, the "bail" money that came in went to the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) to help the organization battle muscular dystrophy and serve those in the community who have neuromuscular disease.

Lane ended up doing his "time" in a mock jail cell established at a Phoenix-area restaurant. After the event concluded, Lane said he was moved by all of the sup-



Chief Jack Lane

port and donations that came in.

"I would like to thank everyone at DPS who supported this worthwhile cause and helped bail me out of jail," Lane said. "I later came to find out that seeing me hauled off to 'jail' was the highlight of many people's day."

John Clymer retires after 35 years of service with the Department

by Kellen Chavez, State Service Intern

"It's a shock to the system when you've spent 35 years in one place and then all of a sudden you just go home," John Clymer said, reflecting on his time spent at DPS.

Clymer retired in June as Telecommunications System Maintenance Supervisor after 35 years of hard, precise work in a field that garners behind the scene satisfaction and importance rather than headlines.

Clymer was born in New Jersey in 1942. After spending his childhood on the east coast, Clymer moved to Arizona in 1960.

In 1961, Clymer joined the United States Marine Corp and served in the armed forces until 1964. When he got out of the Marines, Clymer worked various positions, none of which provided Clymer with the satisfaction to make a career out of any of them.

"I worked a few, what I called 'insignificant jobs' which I felt were jobs that were going no place," he said.

He spent about 5 years with Motorola before deciding to come work for the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

Clymer said, "I felt that if I was going to



Beverly and John Clymer

get married and have a family, that I would want a job that was more stable."

Clymer took a position as a communications technician and after completing training in Phoenix his first duty post was a two-man radio shop in Holbrook.

Clymer said his wife was not the biggest fan of the town, so the couple main-

tained two houses for a period of time before he could transfer.

In spring of 1973 he was able to transfer from Holbrook to Phoenix where he worked special projects and eventually became the Western Area Roving Technician. During this period, Clymer earned his two-year degree from Glendale Community College.

He said, "I enjoyed school so I just kind of went for the sake of going. Outside of school I earned my FCC license and the other certificates I needed for this career."

In 1986, Clymer was promoted to Senior Communications Technician and took an assignment where he and coworker Bud Walston traveled throughout the state maintaining and fixing microwave systems.

Clymer said, "It was great moving around the state, working four days a week and living out of motels for a few years."

Clymer was promoted to Communications System Supervisor in 1989. He was later made Special Projects Supervisor and eventually supervisor of the Rigger Section.

In 1997, reorganization put Clymer in charge of overseeing Kingman, Prescott and Yuma radio shops and in 1998, Clymer was promoted to the position where he finished his career this past June as Telecommunications System Maintenance Supervisor.

Looking back, Clymer finds it difficult to isolate one assignment that was particularly more rewarding than any other.

He said, "Generally speaking, most of the stuff we do is teamwork and I've had some very good people to work with."

In 2003, Clymer was given the award for Bureau Supervisor of the Year. It was the behind the scenes work, however, of communications that continued to satisfy Clymer year after year with the Department.

Over the course of his career, Clymer was involved with three presidential visits including the debate that took place at ASU's Grady Gammage Auditorium in 2004.

He also spoke at length about helping aide Criminal Investigations in drug busts or any way they may have needed communications aide.

As for retirement, Clymer plans to spend it with his wife, Beverly, of 43 years as well as with the 3 grandchildren they have by their son and daughter respectively.

Clymer and his wife also have plans for a couple cruises, one this year and one the next, in addition to other travel plans.

"I had a close friend who died of pancreatic cancer before he was able to see the things he had wanted to," Clymer said. "I try to use his memory as motivation to see as much of the world as I can."



Cleaning duty

Armed with brooms, sponges, and other cleaning supplies, members of DPS Explorers Post 403 worked hard on a recent afternoon to rid the Arizona Police Officer Memorial in Phoenix of all dirt, dust, and other imperfections. The group of young men and women, along with their DPS advisors and staff, have generously agreed to attend to the cleaning of the venerable memorial at Wesley Bolin Plaza in Phoenix three months out of every year. On designated cleaning days, every member of the crew chips in to scrub the statue so it is presentable for the officer candlelight vigil and other annual events that take place around the structure. The cleaning of the Arizona Police Officer Memorial is one of the many community services DPS Explorers Post 403 is proud to provide. The post, which also prepares for and competes in educational police related competitions, currently consists of five members. At this time, the post is currently recruiting additional young adults who are interested in learning more about law enforcement. Please contact DPS Detective Rudy Buck, Advisor of DPS Explorers Post 403, for more information. Buck can be reached at (602) 223-2717.

After 39 years with DPS, Jim Combs decides it's time to move on

by Kellen Chavez, State Service Intern

A two-inch, DPS badge has traditionally been reserved for agents requiring the discreetness offered by the smaller shield.

Jim Combs recalled the first of July 1964 when the Radio Service Division, (as it was known then), went from belonging to the Highway Department to the Highway Patrol. The personnel were given the opportunity to purchase a badge for their brand new credential cases.

Grinning, Combs, pulled the antique from his left pocket, Highway Patrol Badge, #621, having the rank of "Radio Technician" and the name "J.D. Combs" on it. "Two of us got our money in the first couple of days, and we received our badges. We were the only ones because management soon became afraid that the technicians were going to try and impersonate cops."

Since 1964, that badge has made its home in Combs' wife's jewelry box. Now beside the new 75th anniversary badge with #816 on it. That year also marked the beginning of Combs' career with the Department which ended this past June after 39, total, years.

Combs was born in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1941 but his family moved out to Arizona when he was just 3-years-old.

He said, "My father went to work for the Goodyear Naval Air Station. This was still during the war and they were building blimps, dirigibles, so that's how I ended up in Arizona."

Combs attended Phoenix Union High School, graduated in the class of 1959 and then enlisted in the United States Air Force for, as he precisely recalls, four years, five months and 23 days.

Combs' career started with the Highway Patrol Radio Service Division on Mar. 1, 1964,

"In the '60's, and before we looped the microwave, we worked long hours with no overtime. The job hazards were as likely to kill a technician as the hazards of being a patrolman. That's how we originally got into the patrol retirement. The only thing worse would be serving in combat theater."

Jim's first stay turned out to be short-lived as he left the Department in June of 1968 to try his hand at the private industry.

"I worked for Motorola and it was nice making big bucks for 2 years but then the economy went to hell and I was out on the streets for 5 months," Combs said.

While job hunting he dropped in to see some of his old friends at the patrol. At that time there were no expectations of being hired back into the Department. Shortly



Jim Combs

thereafter he was hired back into what had become DPS and rejoined the Department on May 1, 1971. Two weeks after being brought back, he was recalled by Motorola.

He said, "Luckily the people that were here [DPS] were about to start a big project and they needed the help. I was a temporary employee for a year and a day and then they had to make me permanent."

Since rejoining the Department, Combs spent all his time working in special projects on everything from building dispatch control consoles from scratch to PC design to sheet metal, machining and large count, large facility, cable splicing.

He said, "Pretty much any other odd jobs that came along that nobody else really wanted to take on, I would pick up."

One job, separate from his normal responsibilities, will serve as a large part of Combs' legacy long after his retirement.

He has an entire book case of loose leaf binders for every year since 1964. That has been the primary source of historic research.

For the past five years, Combs has talked extensively with retirees, current employees and new-hires to develop what is now an 86-page history of the Department's Telecommunication Division (or Bureau) (They've never been able to get that straight).

Combs said, "This history is from the point of view of people who were here. I've tried to keep it more commentary than statistics. It is still interesting to look at the pay scales from 1976 and compare them with 2006.

"I have either remembered or found records on over 360 people that have been in this Division. What I've done is, I've just kept adding stuff into it, but it'll never be complete."

While the division's history will never be completed, with his career officially in the books Combs will be spending much more time at home with his wife, Pat.

Combs has one son, a detective with the Glendale police department, and two grandchildren and plans to spend the summer building a 4 by 8 foot model railroad for his grandkids.

"Building that is something that'll take all summer to get perfect," Combs said.

The Combs' are also looking to spend their retirement years in a brand new house located near their son's home circa Arrowhead in Glendale. "The good news is I'm buying a new house, the bad news is, now I have to move. Those boxes of books are a lot heavier now than when I first started boxing them thirty years ago".

"I plan to enjoy my retirement," Combs said, "I also plan to keep in touch with the people who were here and I will come back as an intermittent for a while to help them with any number of things that I couldn't train anyone else to do. I'll just make myself available to Scott Tillman for anything that may need my assistance."

Rookie DPS officer catches Texas man wanted for murder

In late September, rookie DPS Highway Patrol Officer Will Luchtman helped nab a Texas man suspected of committing a brutal homicide.

Luchtman found a couple sleeping early Sept. 20 at a rest stop along U.S. 60 near Wickenburg. He ran the license plate on the couple's red Saturn and that check pulled up a murder warrant out of Travis County for the vehicle's driver - Jose Erick Castaneda.

Travis County authorities said Castaneda, 31, had brutally beaten and stabbed a 22-year old man just a few days earlier. The man later died.

Officer Luchtman, who has been employed with DPS for about one year, was able to arrest Castaneda and his female companion, who was wanted for a parole violation, without incident.

Castaneda was taken to the Maricopa County Jail and was eventually extradited to Texas.

Officers from DPS help the Petrified Forest National Park celebrate special anniversary



DPS SGT. STEVE ENTEMAN (PICTURED) WAS ONE OF THOSE WHO WENT RUNNING BEFORE SUNRISE TO HONOR THE PARK'S ANNIVERSARY

Twelve highway patrol officers from DPS who are assigned to northeastern Arizona recently participated in and helped organize an early morning commemorative run at the Petrified Forest National Park.

The early morning event, which featured about 50 participants from across the state, was held to help the world famous park celebrate its 100th anniversary of being a protected area.

Participants arrived before sunrise and chose either to run or walk a 10K or 5K course that wove through the colorful landscape of the Painted Desert.

In addition to the officers from DPS, other notable participants in the unique

event included Lee Baeza, the superintendent of the park that contains one of the world's largest and most colorful concentrations of petrified wood.

"The park is such a land of scenic wonders and fascinating science and it was an honor for DPS to be involved in its 100th anniversary this year," said DPS Highway Patrol Officer Joseph Campbell, who played a major role in organizing the morning run along with fellow DPS Highway

Patrol Officer Corey Hanson.

U.S. Rep. Rick Renzi and several park service dignitaries attended a luncheon at the park following the morning run and said they were extremely pleased with the event and the cooperation between DPS and the U.S. National Park Service.

Thanks in part to the success of the "run" and the involvement of DPS, plans are in the works for a similar event to take place at the park again next year.

In addition to featuring its well-known collection of petrified wood, the Petrified Forest National Park also features several historic structures, archeological sites, and displays of 225 million year old fossils.

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ceived the 2005 Supervisor of the Year award for Agency Support Division Training and Management Services Bureau.

Wright said, "The five Director's Unit Citations mean that I worked with some very good people. It's nice when you work with different groups of people where the efficiency is good enough to earn that particular award."

Retirement will give Wright more time to devote to his family and his hobbies.

Wright still enjoys weight lifting, though his regimen is not as strenuous as it was 20 years ago when he was winning competitions. Wright has been married to his wife, Kerry, for 30 years, has two sons and a grandchild from his oldest.

The toy classic cars that decorated a portion of his office exemplify one of his unique interests.

"I go to old car shows and I like to maintain a couple of classic cars of my own. And that's a family thing we enjoy. My oldest son has a classic car from the mid 1960s as well," Wright said.

Traveling is his agenda for the years to come and his wife is also very excited about the prospects of visiting new places. Set destinations have yet to be finalized.

In retrospect, Wright said, "When I came on this Department my initial thought was that I wanted to be an officer for 10 years, a sergeant for 10 years and retire in 20 years. I thought that's what people did.

"Obviously that changed, but I would not have changed any experience that I've had with this agency."

Officer at DPS helps tribal agency develop its first strategic plan

The topic of strategic planning rarely creates an overwhelming sense excitement within a law enforcement agency. In fact, just a slight mention of the topic can invoke yawns and even a sense of dread.



Bob Gilbert

But you would never infer that by speaking to members of the Ft. McDowell Tribal Police Department, a small law enforcement agency that provides police services to the entire Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation in northeastern Maricopa County.

Members of the diverse agency, who

patrol an area roughly 40 square miles in size, become extremely impassioned and animated these days when talk turns to their newly constructed strategic plan.

After the agency's chief debuted the plan to his 28 sworn and 8 civilian employees earlier this year, a veteran sergeant with the department said the plan represented "the kind of spirit, energy and determination that is helping make many neighborhoods in the country safer places".

Others within the organization said the new strategic plan, which contains a fresh Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and well defined goals and issues, "is a much-needed boost of encouragement" for the agency and the community it serves.

By now, you might be wondering what the strategic plan the Ft. McDowell Tribal Police Department is so proud of and excited about has to do with the Arizona De-

partment of Public Safety.

Well, as it turns out, their strategic plan actually has a lot to do with DPS because it was carefully constructed with the help of one of DPS' very own officers.

Officer Bob Gilbert, one of DPS' foremost experts on strategic planning, became heavily involved in helping the tribal police department develop its very first strategic plan late last year.

In keeping with one of its responsibilities to assist smaller law enforcement agencies in Arizona, DPS donated Gilbert's strategic planning services to the tribal agency when it was discovered that the organization simply wanted a bit of guidance as it embarked on its very first strategic planning journey.

When he was given free reign by his

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It's official: DPS is the top fundraiser for Special Olympics again

Employees raised a record \$64,000 during Torch Run, other events to earn top spot

At a recent luncheon held on September 21st in Phoenix, DPS received recognition for the second consecutive year as the top law enforcement fund-raiser for Arizona Law Enforcement Special Olympics.

The DPS family raised \$64,212.00 during the Arizona Law Enforcement Torch Run and several other events in the past year to capture this honor. This is the largest amount DPS has raised since becoming involved in the Special Olympics benefit in 1986.

DPS Lieutenant Mark Remsey said all law enforcement agencies in the state of Arizona should pat themselves on the back for another great year, raising a total of \$465,000.00 for Special Olympics of Arizona.

It is through the efforts and dedication of the law enforcement community that the Law Enforcement Torch Run has become the single largest fund-raiser for Special Olympics.

It is also a team effort within DPS that has enabled the agency to raise more funds than all other law enforcement agencies in the state.

DPS employees raised a tremendous amount of money this year by receiving pledges for participating in the Torch Run.



Highest honors

On behalf of every employee at DPS, Officer Darien Chavez (right) proudly accepts the award given to the law enforcement agency that raises the most funds during the Arizona Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Chavez was presented with the award Sept. 21 in Phoenix by Chris Hite, the President/CEO of Special Olympics Arizona

Agency employees also raised money by organizing and participating in other events such as golf tournaments in Kingman and Tucson, a large barbecue in Phoenix, softball tournaments in Yuma, tip-a-cops and many other events throughout the year.

Lieutenant Remsey said the payoff was

not only about dollars raised but in the smiles of the 7,000 or so athletes that participate in Special Olympics events each year. Anybody who has had the opportunity to attend the opening ceremonies in Tempe could not help but be touched by the inspiring athletes in attendance.

Abundance of new laws could impact the way DPS does business

Several new pieces of legislation recently approved by the Arizona State Legislature, most of which went into effect Sept. 21, could impact the way DPS goes about its daily operations.

DPS Commander Brian Wilcox, the Department's legislative liaison, said these new pieces of legislation stem from what was a "very positive" year for DPS at the legislature.

Any new legislative items that could impact DPS in some way are summarized at the end of this story.

Despite its successes during the last legislative session, Wilcox said there were a few important items of proposed legislation that DPS was unable to get through.

One of these items was legislation that would have made it a crime to knowingly possess a weapon in a stolen vehicle. This item, Wilcox said, made it through the Senate with no difficulties but was stalled in the House.

Another item of obvious frustration for DPS was not being able to secure funding during the legislative session for a replace-



ment Southern Regional Crime Laboratory.

The Department's effort to obtain monies for this much-needed replacement facility had plenty of support, but was ultimately not funded because it was part of an immigration related bill, HB 2577, that was vetoed by the Governor.

Another bill that did not make it through would have provided funding to create and maintain a Missing Persons/Unidentified Remains DNA Database.

Several legislative items that did pass this year with the Department's support were related to registration requirements for sex of-

fenders. Specifically, SB1229, 1230, 1301, and Criminal Justice Information-SB1225

In addition, the Department also supported HB 2339, an item that passed and could provide up to 2,080 hours of industrial leave for certain civilian jobs, making the hours equal to what a sworn officer could receive.

The agency also supported the DPS officer organizations bill, SB1139, which made it through.

In the end, Wilcox said there was a great deal of cooperation between the AHPA, FOP, AACOP and the Sheriffs Association on many bills this year. The Department did not support the immigration bills proposed this past session, Wilcox said.

Following are short summaries of some of the new pieces of legislation that could impact DPS in some way. Most of these items went into effect Sept. 21.

H2581 (Chapter 195): FELONIES; RE-CLASSIFICATION

The following item reclassified several felony offenses.

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Various changes in statutes pertaining to the classification of certain crimes, including a reduction to class 1 (highest) misdemeanor from class 6 (lowest) felony for: failure to return leased or rented property, usury, forging messages, operating an unlicensed betting operation (bookies), abandonment or legal neglect of a spouse or owning a vicious dog that attacks a human while at large. Also, in statutes classifying shoplifting, the threshold amounts are changed so that class 6 felony begins at \$1000 (formerly \$250) and anything less than \$1000 (formerly \$250) is a class one (highest) misdemeanor. The threshold amount for class 5 felony remains at \$2000. In statutes classifying theft of property or services, the threshold amounts are changed so that class 6 felony begins at \$1,000 (formerly \$250); class 5 felony at \$2,000 (formerly \$1,000), class 4 at \$3,000 (formerly \$2,000), class 3 at \$4,000 (formerly \$3,000). The threshold for class 2 felony remains \$25,000.

S1048 (Chapter 147): SERIOUS DRUG OFFENSES; DEFINITION

The following item amended the definition of "serious drug offense" FOR SENTENCING PURPOSE ONLY.

For sentencing purposes, the definition of "serious drug offense" is amended to include any attempt or conspiracy to commit a violation of specified criminal statutes. Currently, only a violation is defined as a "serious drug offense."

S1145 (Chapter 199): SELF-DEFENSE; HOME PROTECTION

The following item changed the self defense statute in that the burden of proof is now on the State to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant did not act with justification.

A person is justified in using physical or deadly force against an intruder who has entered a residence or occupied vehicle forcibly or unlawfully. In a civil action brought against a person who claims his/her conduct was justified by self defense laws, the court shall award attorney fees, compensation for lost wages and other expenses if the defendant prevails. If criminal action is brought, the state must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant did not act with justification. Effective April 24, 2006.

S1275 (Chapter 271): BREATHALYZERS & IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES

The following item provides that it is not a defense that the defendant is not able to obtain the "proprietary information" related to the operation or design of the breath testing instrument.

The certification required for breathalyzers may be done by the Dept of Health Services, the DPS or by judicial notice of DHS or DPS rules. Calibration tests are specified. A person's inability to obtain manufacture's specifications for any device shall not affect the admissibility of the results of any breath test properly administered. If the certification of an installer or manufacturer of ignition interlock devices is cancelled, the Dept of Motor Vehicles must notify each person with a device whose certification was canceled that s/he has 30 days to obtain another device or installer. Costs of the notification are to be paid from the DUI Abatement Fund. Effective May 11, 2006.

H2074 (Chapter 121): WEAPONS PERMIT; CONCEALED CARRY, RE-NEWAL

The requirement that a person renewing a concealed carry permit must submit evidence of completion of an approved two-hour refresher course in firearms safety is deleted. The state is no longer required to enter into reciprocal agreements with states having similar concealed weapons laws. However, DPS may enter into agreements with other states if another state requires a written agreement. Also, the state and its political subdivisions must recognize a concealed weapon permit or license issued by another state or political subdivision for a person who is not a resident of this state if the permit is valid, the person is legally present in this state and is not prohibited from possessing a firearm.

H2076 (Chapter 313): WEAPONS; CHECKED AT THE DOOR

If an operator of a public establishment or public event requests that people not carry deadly weapons into the event, then the operator must provide temporary and secure storage. The storage must be readily accessible on entry into the establishment or event and allow for the immediate retrieval of the weapon upon exit. Events and establishments where alcohol is served are exempt. AS PASSED SENATE

H2082 (Chapter 103): ASRS; BENEFIT ELECTION; SPOUSAL NOTIFICATION

Arizona State Retirement System members must notify their current spouse before naming a beneficiary or contingent annuitant other than their current spouse.

H2208 (Chapter 297): MOTOR VEHICLES; UNLAWFUL OPERATION

If a person injures or kills someone while driving with a suspended, revoked or invalid drivers license, the person is guilty of a class 5 felony (for causing serious physical injury) or a class 4 felony (for causing death).

Otherwise, causing injury or death by operating a motor vehicle is a class 3 misdemeanor and restitution is capped at \$10,000.

H2335 (Chapter 226): VEHICLE LENGTH PERMITS; EXCEPTIONS

The list of vehicle types that are exempt from length requirements is amended to include power units, farm vehicles, horse trailers and wheeled equipment when used in combination with two units that do not exceed 65 feet in length. A recreational vehicle equipped with a fifth wheel and brakes may pull a farm vehicle or horse trailer if specific conditions are met.

H2339 (Chapter 268): DPS; DIRECTOR; INDUSTRIAL INJURY LEAVE

Civilian DPS employees who are injured in the course of performing or assisting in law enforcement or hazardous duties are granted 2080 hours of industrial leave.

H2389 (Chapter 276): SCHOOL BUS MARKINGS & SAFETY COURSE

The list of occasions when school buses are not required to conceal school bus markings is expanded to include carrying children to a school-sponsored activity (formerly, masking was required for all occasions other than carrying students to and from school). Statute regarding penalty for failure to stop for a school bus that is loading or unloading passengers is rewritten to provide a fine of \$250 for a first offense, \$750 fine and a suspended license for up to 6 months for a second violation within 3 years, and \$1,000 and suspended license for up to 1 year for a third violation within 3 years.

H2691 (Chapter 277): TRUCKS; EXHAUST SYSTEMS; REQUIREMENTS

All commercial vehicles operating within the state must have an exhaust system that is detectable by a visual inspection and that is free from a defect that affects sound reduction, is equipped with either a muffler or other noise dissipative device and is not equipped with a cutout, bypass or similar device. Violators are subject to civil penalties of at least \$500.

H2754 (Chapter 142): SECURITY GUARDS; PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS

DPS may enter into reciprocal agreements with other states that have security guard or private investigator qualification laws "substantially similar" to this state's and if certain conditions are met for the purposes of allowing licensed professionals to work in either state. The director of DPS may conduct periodic criminal history records checks for the purpose of updating the licensing and registration status of current private investigator and security guards licenses. Any licensee who is arrested for an applicable offense (defined) are subject to

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license suspension by the director of the department. Further, membership of the Private Investigator and Security Guard Hearing Board is increased to seven members from five. Two members must be licensed private investigators or security guards (currently only 1 member must be licensed). If a qualified replacement has not been found a member's term may be extended by a period not to exceed 6 months.

H2796 (Chapter 292): MOTORIZED ELECTRIC; GAS POWERED BICYCLES

Motorized electric or gas powered bicycles or tricycles (defined) are not required to have a certificate of title or vehicle registration. They are exempt from vehicle license tax and vehicle emissions inspections. A driver's licenses is not required to operate them, and they are to be considered bicycles for right-of-way purposes. Local authorities may adopt ordinances that regulate or prohibit the operation of these vehicles, but they are prohibited from requiring them to be registered or licensed. Further, the definition of "neighborhood electric vehicle" is amended to remove specific references to capacity and speed and to require that such vehicles comply with federal definitions and standards for low speed vehicles.

S1027 (Chapter 73): VEHICLE THEFT; CHOP SHOPS

Criminal code statutes that define and classify theft are amended to say that the theft of an auto engine or transmission is a class 4 felony regardless of value. Further, definition of running a chop shop is expanded to include buying, selling, transferring or possessing a motor vehicle part from which the identification number has been removed, altered or destroyed.

S1039 (Chapter 146): VOYEURISM; SURREPTITIOUS VIEWING

The crime of voyeurism is defined. It is illegal to disclose, display, distribute or publish any material made in violation of voyeurism provisions without the consent or knowledge of the person depicted. Voyeurism does not include film or photography taken for security purposes, for use in an investigation of misconduct in correctional facilities, for use in a law enforcement investigation or the use of a child monitoring device (as defined in section 13-3001). Further, the definitions and punishments for surreptitious photographing, videotaping, filming, digitally recording or viewing are amended and added to the criminal code as a class 6 felony if the done without a device (defined) and a class 4 felony if a device is used and the person depicted is recogniz-

able.

S1072 (Chapter 254): LAW ENFORCEMENT TOOLS; POLICE INDEMNIFICATION

In cases where a court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that a plaintiff was harmed while attempting to or committing a felony it is considered reasonable for the victim or peace officer to threaten or use physical force to either defend themselves or prevent the plaintiff's escape. Any police tool (defined) that is proven to have caused harm is considered not to be negligent if it either complies with applicable federal codes and regulations or conforms to the recognized safety standards.

S1139 (Chapter 155): DPS; OFFICER ORGANIZATIONS

The Department of Public Safety must recognize an employee organization that is elected by a majority of votes cast by department employees in a representation election participated in by a majority of eligible employees.

S1147 (Chapter 248): TELEPHONE USAGE; EMERGENCY INTERFERENCE

It is a class 2 misdemeanor to prevent or interfere with the use of a telephone in an emergency situation (defined). This does not require a person to allow another into their home for the purpose of using their phone in an emergency.

S1166 (Chapter 84): STOPPING VEHICLES ON HIGHWAYS

Conditions under which a local jurisdiction may permit a vehicle marked as a public transportation vehicle to stop on a roadway are prescribed, including a traffic and engineering study must conclude passengers may safely enter and exit at the proposed location, the driver engages the vehicle's 4-way hazard flashers, the posted speed limit of the roadway does not exceed 45 mph and the roadway intersection has stop signs or traffic lights.

S1229 (Chapter 184): SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION; HOMELESS OFFENDERS

Convicted sex offenders who are homeless must register as a transient with the county sheriff in whose jurisdiction they reside every 90 days.

S1230 (Chapter 160): SEX OFFENDERS; ADDRESS VERIFICATION

The Motor Vehicle Division must annually update the addresses of sex offenders and provide daily address updates to the Department of Public Safety. A person who fails to register is guilty of a class 6 felony. Further, at the time of registering the sheriff shall secure a sufficient sample of blood or other bodily fluids for testing and submit them to the Department of Public Safety.

S1258 (Chapter 37): LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES; RETIREMENT

A law enforcement agency must issue photographic identification to officers retiring honorably. The agency is not obligated to revoke or modify the identification based on conduct that the agency becomes aware of or that occurs after the officer has separated from the agency.

S1274 (Chapter 312): IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES

A person convicted of aggravated driving or actual physical control while under the influence of alcohol or drugs must serve at least the minimum term of incarceration required by law. Further, a person whose license was suspended or revoked may apply to the MVD for a special ignition interlock restricted driver's license after completing the period of suspension.

S1301 (Chapter 201): COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION; WARRANTS

A local law enforcement agency or the DPS is authorized to request the county attorney to seek an arrest warrant against a convicted sex offender who has not registered with the sheriff within 10 days of sentencing or release as required by law. Requirement that law enforcement agencies distribute fliers before obtaining an arrest warrant is deleted.

S1560 (Chapter 395): DUI; PENALTIES

Changes in statutes governing penalties for DUI. The 60-month period within which a second or third DUI conviction results in enhanced penalties is extended to 84-months. A second conviction must (previously, "may") carry a court order to perform community service.

Marcy Cox and Kris Matthews top new sergeant's list

DPS Officer Marcy Cox topped the sergeant's list while DPS Officer Kris Matthews was second following the recent promotional testing process.

The highly anticipated sergeant's promotional list was released by Human Resources on the morning of Sept. 29.

Completing the list in final qualifying order are Officers Jennifer Pinnow, Donald J. Mattus, Douglas Jensen, Kevin McNichols, John Bottoms, Casey Kasun, James Smith, John Allen, George Manera, Paul Etnire, Jeromy Neumann, Philip Johnson, Jon R. Olney, Chris Melendez, Anthony Williams, Daryll Willis, Brad Elliott, Trent Adamson, Michael McLaren, Richard M. Valenzuela II, Robert Bowers, Jonathan Dover, Myles Mace, Glen Swavely.

License plate reader technology now on some of DPS' vehicles

During a press event in late September, Gov. Janet Napolitano and officials from DPS addressed the media to introduce a new age in stolen vehicle detection at the Department - mobile license plate readers, or LPRs.

These systems, which have been in use on about five patrol cars at DPS for a few months, possess the ability to scan and instantly process any passing vehicle's license plate that travels by an equipped patrol car.

DPS will be installing more LPRs on its patrol cars throughout the state and in stationary positions along certain roadways as funding and other issues permit.

Gov. Napolitano said, "The cameras can read roughly 1,500 license plates in an eight-hour shift. By comparison, an officer can input about 40 in the same period."

Arizona's stolen vehicle rate is high, mainly because of its proximity to the border with Mexico. Combined with stepped up cooperation between DPS and the state of Sonora, Mexico, the LPRs can eventually contribute to the detection of thousands of vehicles before they head south and become virtually impossible to recover.

"This is an amazing and highly useful piece of technology for our agency to have," said DPS Director Roger Vanderpool. "They are efficient and will, in time, have a dramatic impact on the recovery of stolen vehicles in our state."

The LPR cameras are mounted to the front bumpers of DPS' patrol cars, while a keyboard and monitor system are installed in the front seat of the car. The system is capable of instantly reading and scanning a database of plates and alerting the officer if it is stolen or wanted.

Each of the devices cost about \$38,000 to buy and install on a car and have been paid for through a combination of funding sources. The LPRs are also able to photograph a vehicle's driver, in the event possession becomes an issue in filing charges.

The LPRs can pick up the plate of a vehicle being sought in an AMBER Alert. The officer simply enters the plate information into the computer (mounted on the dashboard), enabling the system to be on the lookout for the vehicle.

Just a few minutes after the September press conference, the DPS patrol car shown to the media that was equipped with an LPR "hit" on an actual stolen vehicle as it was leaving the event. Two suspects were taken into custody.



License plate reader system

The LPR cameras are mounted to the front bumpers of DPS' patrol cars (above), while a keyboard and monitor system are installed in the front seat of the car (below). The system is capable of instantly reading and scanning a database of plates and alerting the officer if one is stolen or wanted. The cameras can read about 1,500 license plates in an officer's eight hour shift. By comparison, an officer can only manually input about 40 plates in the same period taking into account all of the other responsibilities of that officer. Each of the devices cost about \$38,000 to buy and properly install on a patrol car and have been paid for through a combination of funding sources.





Dear Director Vanderpool:

I confess that it has not always been the case that I was happy to be under the immediate care of a DPS officer. However I am indeed happy to share with you that we had an extremely positive experience with DPS Officer Joy Craig, #3248.

Along with several other out-of-state folk, we were in town to support an event at Southside Presbyterian Church in Tucson. Our host had swindled us into a side trip to the region known as Cascabel. Of course he failed to mention that this word is Spanish for "rattlesnake." We loaded up in a Suburban (SUV) that reminded me of the Millennium Falcon from Star Wars. Sure enough we ended up broken down on the side of the road, but only after enjoying a brief period with the AC off and the heat on.

There we were on the side of the road, no doubt surrounded by hidden rattlesnakes, when Officer Craig arrived. She was professional and courteous. She immediately parked her vehicle in such a way as to make our location on the shoulder safer. She assisted us with communication, as our cell phones were not helpful. She was pleasant and conversational throughout. When our host had repaired the vehicle (a minor miracle - he replaced the serpentine belt with an old board) she escorted us to the next town just to make sure we arrived safely. Even though she politely refused my request that she use her Taser on my friend, we still count ourselves blessed to have been in her company.

In all seriousness, I thank her for not only her work, but the manner in which she rendered it. I learned late in our encounter that Officer Craig was done for the day, and had stopped to help us on her way home.

This latter detail further solidifies my hunch that Craig works from a commitment deeper than fulfilling her regular hours.

Thanks to you and to her. I imagine that Southern Arizona is full of travelers far more desperate than me. May God sustain you in your compassion, and give each of you wisdom and peace as you encounter any and all travelers along the road.

**Matthew Crownover
Garland, TX**

Dear Director Vanderpool:

On behalf of the Idaho State Police, I would like to extend my appreciation to the Arizona Highway Patrol and, specifically, Detective David Weller. In preparation for and during the events surrounding the visit of Idaho's Governor James Risch and Idaho's First Lady Vicki Risch to Sedona on June 11, 12 and 13, Detective Weller greatly assisted our Governor and First Lady with transportation and executive protection while traveling to the Western Governors' Association meeting in Sedona, Arizona.

Governor Risch advised that the level of excellence and professionalism that Detective Weller demonstrated during his visit impressed him. Detective Weller made him feel most welcome through his experience, assistance and local knowledge. His efforts definitely contributed to a successful and safe visit for all.

Once again, we greatly appreciate the assistance your agency and Detective Weller provided to the Idaho State Police. He represented your agency in a most professional manner. Please pass along Governor Risch's thanks to Detective Weller. If we can reciprocate in the future, please let us know. Detective Weller and the Arizona Highway Patrol have certainly gone the extra mile for us.

**Colonel R. Dan Charboneau
Director, Idaho State Police**

Director Vanderpool:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the excellent service given by several of your officers.

On Friday, January 13, 2006, our department responded to a report of a drive-by shooting that occurred within the Flagstaff city limits. The suspect vehicle had fled the scene prior to the officers' arrival, but a witness was able to provide them with a description of the car and one of the suspects.

This information was immediately broadcast to surrounding law enforcement agencies. DPS Officer Jason Tarr received the information regarding the suspect vehicle and located it a short time later as it was traveling west of the city. The driver attempted to elude Officer Tarr and, in the process, turned up a side road that offered no route of escape. Realizing that their apprehension was eminent, the driver and three other occupants bailed out of their still moving vehicle after slamming into reverse. Just before this, the gun presumed to have been used in the drive by shooting was thrown out of the passenger window.

Officer Tarr was able to maintain control of his patrol car and stop it before it

sustained any significant damage from the suspect vehicle. Almost simultaneously, Officer Tarr exited and initiated a foot pursuit of one of the suspects. Officer Tarr quickly subdued the suspect and took him into custody.

**Chief J.T. McCann
Flagstaff Police Department**

Director Vanderpool:

I am writing to let you know how helpful a member of your staff is. Criminalist Sabrina Cillessen went out of her way to send me an abundance of information about the effects of methamphetamines and other illegal drugs. I am a high school science teacher and this helped my students and me a great deal when we discussed the dangers of drugs. My students and I learned a great deal about what happens to the body physically and mentally with the help of the photos, cartoons, written information and the CD-Rom that Sabrina Cillessen provided.

Thank you for having such a wonderful staff member.

**Heidi M. Contes
Phoenix, AZ**

Director Vanderpool:

My name is Ed Schenck, and I wanted to tell you that your Officer, Robbie Craig, helped to save my life today at MP 302, Highway 90, along with Mike Faust of Qwest and the Benson Paramedics. It is people like them who perform their jobs with a human touch, and to a passer-by who took the time to come to my aid, that puts my faith in humanity at an elevated level. I really try to be very careful in my job and everyone I am in contact with each day and today was my turn to be helped. I thank Robbie Craig and everyone else who helped me tackle another day, from the bottom of my heart.

**Ed Schenck
Sierra Vista, AZ**

Director Vanderpool:

On Behalf of the Casa Grande Police Department, I would like to offer our sincerest thanks to one of your dedicated crime lab employees; Criminalist Penny J. Dechant. Ms. Dechant, a Latent Print Examiner, has recently been assigned to manage your Automated Fingerprint Identification System at the Central Regional Crime Laboratory, Latent Print Unit. Ms. Dechant has been instrumental in assisting our department with many of its unsolved latent fingerprint cases. As you know, more often than not, fingerprint evidence is our only source for developing potential leads in the apprehension of individuals in criminal cases.

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In the past few months Ms. Dechant has searched volumes of submitted latent fingerprints from our department using the Arizona Department of Public Safety Automated Fingerprint Identification system. Her hard work has led our Identification Division to the fingerprint identification of a sexual assault suspect, as well as three unknown deceased individuals who may have otherwise gone nameless. Not to mention the countless other burglaries, thefts and identity theft cases.

I greatly appreciate the hard work that Ms. Dechant has shown our department and would like you to know what an excellent job your crime lab staff is doing for the City of Casa Grande Police Department, as well as many other agencies in our state.

Robert Huddleston
Chief of Police, City of Casa Grande
Police Department

Director Vanderpool:

On Dec. 17, 2005, the Peoria Police Department suffered the most tragic event in the history of our agency. One of our officers was shot and seriously wounded while attempting to arrest a homicide suspect.

The ensuing investigation was monumental and required the assistance of Crime Laboratory Personnel from the Department of Public Safety.

Even though the Crime Lab was extremely busy, several of your personnel expedited the process of ballistic testing and typing as well as DNA typing and comparisons and latent work. Chris Kalkowski conducted the firearms testing, Fred Carmack processed the latent prints and Dawn Warnock handled the DNA typing. I appreciate their valuable assistance in this case.

The cooperation provided by the Arizona Department of Public Safety was in the highest standards of the law enforcement profession and appreciated by the members of our department during this traumatic time.

David C. Leonardo
Chief of Police, City of Peoria

Director Vanderpool:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to your agency for its assistance with the recently completed White Mountain Apache Tribal Election, which was held on Apr. 5, 2006. The assigned personnel from your agency conducted themselves in a very professional manner and with their presence in assisting the White Mountain Apache Police Department, this contributed in a safe

uneventful event.

I would like to especially express a thank you to your operation commanders, Lt. Jack Johnson and Lt. Larry Scarber. They established an atmosphere of cooperation and mutual effort between the different agencies working this operation.

From your assigned personnel's cordial conduct and positive interaction with the members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, this will have a long lasting positive effect on the relationship between your agency and the residents of the reservation. Again, thank you and your personnel.

Selanhongva McDonald
Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of
Indian Affairs
Gilbert, AZ

Director Vanderpool:

I wanted to take a moment of your time and share my thoughts of gratitude to you and your department for sharing, with one of my traffic centers in Casa Grande, AZ, Officer John Allen.

John has been both a personal and professional friend and ally in the battle for highway safety and regulatory compliance since I assumed the role of Divisional Safety Manager for Frito-Lay in 1997.

John's unique skill to stress safety and professionalism is an event to behold; he captivates many hardened drivers with his quick wit and enviable knowledge of the law and presentation on driving with care. His professional candor is ever present and never alienates a soul with strict approaches. John had presented for me in several venues and is always welcome at a Frito-Lay event or more regional efforts.

In closing with this open endorsement, I can truthfully state that John does as much as anyone I have dealt with to bridge the gap between the law enforcement community and the general public to wit the professional driving audience. Thanks again Director Vanderpool for your sharing and if there is anything that either myself or my company can do to enhance any of your community efforts do not hesitate to call.

Neil W. Gearheart
Division Fleet Safety Manager,
Frito-Lay Inc.
Vancouver, WA

Dear Director Vanderpool:

I'm writing this letter to thank members of the DPS family for their compassion and willingness to talk to me about the events surrounding the death of my son, John Miller, in a motorcycle accident on June 25, 2006 in the Payson area.

Sgt. Tom Elias and Chaplain John

Schumacher came to my home and spoke to my husband, David, about the accident. They provided as much information as they could at the time concerning John's death. I was in Connecticut at the time on vacation and although I had received a phone call indicating John had been in an accident, the nature of his injuries were not certain.

After we heard of his death and I returned to Phoenix, Officer Terry Phillips, #5681, the Investigating Officer, spoke with me at length about the accident and his efforts for John.

Please convey my appreciation to all those involved. They performed their duties in a manner that was compassionate and with dignity and respect for my son and for the feelings of my family. Officer Phillips was especially kind to me as he took the time to speak with me at length about the accident and answer my questions. Officer Phillips, Sgt. Elias and Chaplain Schumacher made a very sad and trying time a little easier.

Belinda Strong
Phoenix, AZ

Dear Director Vanderpool:

I would like to acknowledge and commend your DPS criminalist, Mark Zenker, for his professionalism and dedication during a recent FBI investigation involving the Phoenix Division's Violent Street Gang Task Force.

The investigation focused on John Tietjens, a validated member of the Arizona Aryan Brotherhood. Tietjens has been a convicted felon since 1985, and his criminal history involves several violent criminal activities. Following the recent execution of a search warrant by the FBI where six guns and hundreds of rounds of ammunition were seized, Criminalist Mark Zenker compared latent prints obtained from the evidence to the major case prints of Tietjens. Zenker thoroughly reviewed the evidence and was able to identify a latent print on a shotgun as having been made by John Tietjens.

With the assistance of Criminalist Zenker and the scientific examination report he prepared, we were able to indict Tietjens on federal firearms violations. Because of Zenker's findings, the likelihood of a conviction appears strong. Based on Tietjens's criminal history, if convicted he will be facing a minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison.

Without Criminalist Zenker's assistance, our Task Force would have been unable to indict and return John Tietjens to custody in such a timely fashion. On behalf of the case agent, Special Agent Darren B. Cox, and myself, please convey our sincere appreciation for a job well done.

John E. Lewis
Phoenix, AZ

Strategic Plan ...

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supervisors at DPS to help the smaller agency, Gilbert spent countless hours crafting a strategic planning assistance program for the Ft. McDowell Tribal Police Department tailored to the agency's specific needs.

As part of the program, he put together a detailed strategic planning instructional guide for the agency, conducted a two-day strategic planning training and planning session for the agency's employees, and conducted several hours of follow-up with agency as they moved closer to finalizing their actual plan.

After tons of hard planning work by the agency's employees, which was monitored and facilitated by Gilbert, Ft. McDowell Tribal Police Chief Jesse Delmar declared his department's first official strategic plan complete.

He unveiled it to his employees at a department meeting this past April.

Employee reaction to the plan was overwhelmingly positive and the consensus was that the plan was going to give the professional agency something it had always been yearning for - a precise sense of direction and a fulfilling sense of purpose.

During the unveiling ceremony, Delmar presented Gilbert with a plaque for spending so much time and effort helping his agency develop such a comprehensive and surprisingly uplifting strategic plan.

"The development of our recent strategic plan would not have been so successful without Officer Gilbert's assistance," said Fort McDowell Police Sgt. Mary Schlosser, adding that her agency's new strategic plan will guide the agency as it strives to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention and police planning.

Gilbert was assigned to a highway patrol squad on the Beeline Highway when he helped the tribal agency with its strategic planning.

He is now a detective with DPS assigned to the Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center.

He gained the bulk of his strategic planning experience prior to working for DPS. Prior to being employed with the Department, Gilbert served roughly eight years in key strategic planning positions with both the Arizona Department of Transportation and Department of Corrections.

After assisting the Ft. McDowell Tribal Police Department, the one-time reserve officer with DPS and recipient of the DPS Sgt. Mark Dryer Reserve Officer of the Year Award has now trained over 1,000 individuals in strategic planning.

DPS Foot Patrol receiving support as they continue to train for three-day cancer walk

In early October, the DPS Foot Patrol was continuing to raise money and train in preparation for the Susan G. Komen 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk scheduled for November 3-5 in the Phoenix-area.

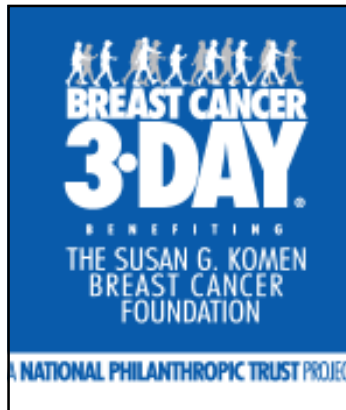
The DPS Foot Patrol consists of DPS employees Patt Ficere, Melissa Mckinstry, Elizabeth Saenz, Maria Flores, Patty Moreno, and Chris Thorsen.

As participants in the event, all six team members will walk 20 miles per day completing a total of 60 miles.

In addition to training for and participating in the event, each individual will have to meet a fund raising goal of \$2,200.

Shortly after the DPS Foot Patrol was formed, the entire Department and even a Phoenix-area business began to rally behind the group as they strived to meet their fund-raising goal.

Among those showing great support for the group was the Code 7 Cafe at the DPS headquarters building who donated, on occasion, a portion of their daily sales to the team.



Also supporting the team in heroic fashion is Manuels Restaurants in Phoenix who has been donating food gift certificates and coupons in support of the team. The local restaurant chain has also allowed the Foot Patrol to place donation jars inside each of their businesses.

The Digest would like to wish the DPS Foot Patrol the best of luck in their upcoming event.

The event has been called a weekend of hope, as participants honor lives lost, celebrate survivors, promote breast cancer research, and help bring breast cancer care to those who so desperately need it.

Net proceeds from the Breast Cancer 3-Day benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation to fund breast cancer research and community outreach, as well as the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund, to provide an endowment for breast cancer initiatives.

For more information on how to support the team, please call Chris Thorsen at (602) 223-2576.

Truck Bust ...

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Vandeaver issued his ATL through the Black Asphalt program of Desert Snow.

Later that evening, while he was relaxing at his home, Vandeaver's phone rang. The caller was Nick Frederick, a Nebraska State Highway Patrol Officer, who excitedly told Vandeaver that the Nebraska State Highway Patrol had just located the suspect vehicle at a truck stop in their state.

The trooper said authorities in Nebraska began looking for the vehicle based on Vandeaver's "attempt to locate" bulletin issued on Desert Snow earlier in the day.

A short time after Vandeaver received this first phone call, his phone rang again and he learned that the Nebraska State Highway Patrol had just located 2,161 pounds of marijuana worth more than \$1.2 million in the vehicle.

Vandeaver was ecstatic.

"It was an amazing feeling to know this vehicle had been located by fellow troopers in another state and that it did indeed contain a substantial load of illegal drugs," Vandeaver said. "It felt like a real team effort among fellow law enforcement officers who I will likely never meet."

Vandeaver later learned that the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration had assumed control of the case and was making a controlled delivery of the drugs.

The controlled delivery yielded an additional 450 pounds of marijuana, \$300,000 in cash, and seven machine guns.

In the end, Vandeaver credits his role in the unique bust to his laptop computer and "air card".

"It was those two pieces of equipment that let me access from the field the information that ultimately helped those troopers in Nebraska find and stop that vehicle," said Vandeaver, adding that all law enforcement officers should make a strong effort to master the new available technologies being placed right at their fingertips.

Inside DPS

35 YEARS OF SERVICE

Felix, David A., 900, Deputy Director

30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Covey, Rodney D., 1929, Assistant Director

Gazdzik Jr., Bernard, 1930, Lieutenant

Lopez, Joseph A., 1934, Officer

Sadler, Peter L., 1939, Rotary Wing Pilot II

Schantz, William L., 1940, Officer

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Figueroa, Ramon, 3081, Lieutenant

Fimbres, Jose M., 3082, Officer

Mitchell, Coe, 3083, Sergeant II

Rodecap, Ron, 3115, Sergeant II

Scheck, Douglas P., 3100, Officer

Shull, John D., 3099, Sergeant II

Vandenberg, Van L. E., 3080, Fleet Service Supervisor

20 YEARS OF SERVICE

McPherson, Gloria I., 3901, Criminal Intelligence Analyst

NEW EMPLOYEES

Allen, Jackie M., 6788, Cadet Officer

Barahona, John E., 6801, Officer

Bashford, Lin L., 6787, RMIN Field Services Coordinator

Begay, Nathaniel A., 6816, Facilities Maintenance Technician

Benavides, Hildegard A., 6819, Administrative Assistant

Catalano, Donald J., 6806, Criminal Records Specialist

Diaz, Carlos A., 6802, Officer

Dorsett, Michael D., 6790, Cadet Officer

Estep, Catherine A., 6807, Financial Services Specialist

Garcia, Irene E., 6808, Financial Services Specialist

Gasaway, Tonya J., 6785, Fingerprint Technician

Hawkins, Jeffrey S., 6791, Cadet Officer

Heltemes, Daniel J., 6803, Officer

Kinsey, Shawn E., 6804, Officer

Kramer, Myria J., 6817, Police Communications Dispatcher

Lewis, J. E., 6792, Cadet Officer

Logan, Jeremy E., 6793, Cadet Officer

Luna, Conrad, 6794, Cadet Officer

Martinez, Fernando F., 6809, Security Officer

Mayfield, Nichole M., 6812, Criminal Records Specialist

McEuen, Garrett P., 6795, Cadet Officer

Means Sr., Garrett R., 6805, Officer

Molina, Leandra Y., 6810, Police Communications Dispatcher

Mueller, Perladel, 6780, Computer Programmer Analyst

Overton, Ronald G., 6796, Cadet Officer

Sawyer, Justin M., 6797, Cadet Officer

Spangler II, George M., 6798, Cadet Officer

Turken, Seth A., 6799, Cadet Officer

Turner, Travis D., 6800, Cadet Officer

Tucker, Tammy, 6784, Administrative Secretary

Uhl, Matthew E., 6815, Rotary Wing Pilot I

Vargas, Lidia U., 6813, Criminal Records Specialist

Warwick, Samantha J., 6786, Laboratory Technician

Weaver, Mark R., 6814, RMIN Field Services Coordinator

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Baron, Kristin L., 6674, Associate Criminalist

Brewer, Pete, 2713, Fleet Service Supervisor

Carlson, Richard D., 6811, Facilities Maintenance Technician

Conaway, Shane, T., 6295, Officer

Diggs, James W., 6789, Cadet Officer

Hernandez, Joe V., 158, Fleet Service Supervisor

Kennedy, Deborah L., 5533, Evidence Custodian

Koren, Bernadette A., 3996, Officer

Quisenberry, Stephen L., 6731, Concealed Weapons Program Coordinator

Ries, Taylor, 6761, Cadet Officer

Sandoz, Chris R., 6125, Rotary Wing Pilot II

Sennett, Paul T., 4584, Officer

Showers, Ryan A., 6591, Laboratory Technician

Sparling, Ryan D., 6333, Officer

RETIREMENTS

Beasley, Norman B., 633, Lt. Col.

Holmes, Randan L., 868, Officer

Johnson Jr., Beau, 1071, Commander

Lewis, Liz S., 4593, Administrative Services Officer

Reutter, William R., 621, Lt. Col.

Ruhlman, Dave L., 1044, Rotary Wing Pilot II

Ruiz, Orlando M., 746, Officer

Stock Jr., Delbert E., 675, Officer

Wharton, Joyce C., 1189, Fingerprint Technician

BIRTHS

Jeff Schoch, #5903, and wife JoAnn welcomed Jo Lee Schoch into the family on Aug. 17. The baby girl weighed 6 pounds, 10.5 ounces and measured 19.1 inches.

Jennifer and Roger Valdez welcomed Gabriel Rogelio to the world on Sept. 4. Little Gabriel weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 20 3/4 inches.

Craig and Laura Bremer gave birth to a baby girl on Sept. 25. Brea Ann weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces and was 21 inches long.

District two reserve Off. Tim Sumner and wife Amber were blessed with their third child. Little Rachel weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces and measured 20 inches long.

OBITUARIES

Retiree Dave Edwards passed away on Aug. 14.

The sister of Officer Lef Beale passed away on Sunday, Aug. 20.

Rebecca Knox, sister of Officers Jason and John Knox, passed away on Aug. 20.

Lisa Vasquez, daughter of Lt. Andy Vasquez, and sister of DPS Administrative Assistant Jennifer Vasquez, died Aug. 21.

Lindsay Dover, daughter of Officer Jon Dover, #4089, passed away on Sept. 4.

Clyde Wilcox, father of Com. Brian Wilcox, #2797, passed away on Sept. 11.

Grandfather of DPS Dispatcher Brittany Brunet passed away on Sept. 11.

Former civilian employee, Mary Feist, #31, passed away in early September.

The brother of the Executive Assistant for the Director, Estella Cervantes, passed away in September.

DPS retiree Dorothy Vaupell, #74, passed away on Sept. 22 at the age of 93.

Tom Davis, father of Kingman aviation pilot Stephen Davis, passed away on Sept. 25.

Son T. Vo, mother of DPS employee Hai Vo, passed away on Oct. 2.

Retired DPS Officer Richard "Dickie" McGee Campbell Jr. passed away on Oct. 2.

Soledad Diaz, mother-in-law of retired Officer David Sanchez, #1268, passed away Oct. 5.

Retired DPS Officer John Matthews, #298, passed away on Oct. 8.

Junk food ...

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Overall just remember to watch labels and be careful of advertising. It takes some extra effort but by doing some research you can save a lot of time and be more successful in your quest for healthy eating.

Remember, burning just 1100 calories a week from exercise helps to avoid belly fat.

Consuming 500mg of vitamin C a day can help you burn 39% more fat during exercise.

Please contact me if you have any questions, comments or needs.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy - Jason Yeager

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Down the Highways

October 1966

Arizona Highway Patrol Supt. Greg Hathaway, who has been on leave under doctor's orders for six weeks, will retire Nov. 15 from the post he has held 16 years, The Phoenix Gazette reported. The superintendent has been suffering from a serious heart condition.

October 1971

Former Arizona Highway Patrol Capt. Everett Bowman, 72, a retired professional cowboy, was killed in an airplane crash eight miles southwest of Bagdad during a late-October storm. The plane was en route from Boulder City, Nev., to Wickenburg when the crash occurred. Bowman served with the Arizona Highway Patrol after retiring from rodeo competition in the late 1940's.

September 1976

DPS and the Shiprock Police Department are investigating an incident in which DPS Officer Jim Voitta was dragged about 200 yards with an arm stuck in the window of a car being driven in reverse.

The incident occurred Sept. 1 on S.R. 504 near the Arizona-New Mexico border.

A suspected drunken driver had closed the window on the patrolman's arm when the officer reached in to shut off the ignition.

The officer freed his arm after the driver stopped in reverse and started forward again. Voitta then fired five shots toward the car. The car was chased at speeds more than

100 mph.

The suspect's vehicle, which also suffered a blowout, turned onto a dirt road and was forced off the road by Voitta's patrol car ending the chase.

October 1981

The integrity of the DPS Air Rescue operation was upheld by a jury's recent dismissal of a \$1 million lawsuit

The lawsuit alleged negligence by DPS in futile attempts to save a drowning man who reportedly ignored two road barricades before driving his four-wheel drive vehicle into the Tanque Verde Wash on Jan. 15, 1978, the October Digest reported.

Tucson Air Rescue Pilot Dave Ruhlman and Paramedic Steve Lump were unable to reach the man before he was swept away by raging flood waters.

September 1986

On Sept. 5, well-known comedian and actor Richard Pryor was stopped for speeding west of Kingman by DPS Highway Patrol Officer Ben McKinnie. The ticket charged Pryor with driving at least 88 mph on Interstate 40.

After the stop and the ticket, McKinnie said Pryor and his girlfriend wanted to have some photos taken.

"They were taking pictures of eventful things on their vacation. This was one," McKinnie said. "He wanted to take some photos with me and, of course, he wanted the handcuffs on."

After the picture taking, Pryor returned to Kingman to pay his \$130 fine.

October 1991

On Oct. 9, Arizona Gov. Fife Symington placed DPS Director Rick Ayars and Deputy Director Randy Sterna on administrative leave with pay pending the outcome of an investigation into possible criminal or administrative activities at DPS.

After the review was completed by the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the two top DPS officials were cleared of any criminal or administrative wrongdoings and returned to work Oct. 17.

"People in this department were just tremendous in their support during the suspension," Ayars said. "I logged telephone calls from supporters on a legal pad. It took seven pages."

September 1996

While patrolling U.S. 89 near Gray Mountain Sept. 5, DPS Highway Patrol Officer Jay Atwater stopped a vehicle for excessive speed. While obtaining consent to search, Atwater noticed the driver of the vehicle reaching into a fanny pack

Atwater stopped him and inside the pouch he found a handgun along with \$2,000 in cash. Atwater also located a second fanny pack and inside it, the DPS officer retrieved \$72,000 in currency.

Atwater arrested the man on various charges.